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COMMISSIONER

Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

August 31, 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of 12 M.R.S.A. § 6172; the Commissioner has made the following changes to the Conditional Area Closure Notice: This notification closes the wastewater treatment plant conditional areas (B. and C.) in Area No. 27, the St. George River due a sewer line break. The situation is ongoing and a reopening date will be set after the problem is resolved. All existing pollution and biotoxin closures remain in effect.

Please refer to the specific Area notices for maps and a detailed description of the impacted conditional areas: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html. Reopening dates will change if additional rain or flow events occur. Whenever a Conditional Area is impacted by rainfall AND a WWTP CSO or bypass event, the area remains closed until the WWTP closure is lifted. Always check this notice before harvesting in a rainfall, river flow and/or Waste Water Treatment Plant performance conditional area to determine the open/closed status. All existing pollution and red tide/psp closures remain in effect.

The descriptions of the areas are as follows (struck text is removed and underlined text is being added): Rainfall, Tide, Sewage Treatment Plant and River Discharge Conditional Areas

Rainfall Conditional Closures:

The following areas are closed due to greater than one inch of rainfall in a twenty-four hour period and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017.**

Area No. 11: areas (C. and D.) in the Nonesuch and Scarborough Rivers, Scarborough.

The following areas are closed due to greater than one inch of rainfall in a twenty-four hour period and will REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, AUGUST 28, 2017.

Area No. 27: Area (C.) in the St. George River. Thomaston.

The following areas are closed due to greater than one inch of rainfall in a twenty-four hour period and will **REOPEN EFFECTIVE 00:01 HOURS, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017.**

Area No. 14: area (D.) in the Cousins River, Yarmouth.

Area No. 15: area (B.) in the Harraseeket River, Freeport.

Area No. 16: area (B.) in Maquoit Bay, Brunswick.

Area No. 19-A: area (C.) in Mill Cove and Long Cove, West Bath,

Area No. 21-D: area (C.) in Cross River, Boothbay.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Closures:

The following areas are closed due to a sewer line break.

Area No. 27: Area B and C - Thomaston WWTP

If you have questions, please contact Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9500 Email: DMRPublicHealthDiv@maine.gov. During weekends/holidays, contact on duty Marine Patrol Officers through the appropriate State Police barracks: from New Hampshire border to Brunswick, barracks 1-800-228-0857; from Cushing/Boothbay to Lincolnville/Belfast area, barracks 1-800-452-4664; from Belfast to Canadian border, barracks 1-800-432-7381. This notice can be viewed on the Department's website at:

http://www.maine.gov/dmr/shellfish-sanitation-management/closures/pollution.html. This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Sincerely,

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12:45 PM (Effective Time)

Commissioner's Designee - Director, Bureau of Public Health